

## Some Aspects of the Farmers' Problems

By BERNARD M. BARUCH

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I. The whole rural world is in a ferment of unrest, and there is an unparalleled volume and intensity of demand, if not angry, protest, and an ominous warning of occupational conferences, interest groupings, political movements and propaganda. Such a situation cannot but arrest our attention. Indeed, it demands our careful study and examination. It is not likely that six million aloof and ruggedly independent men will come together and banded themselves into active unions, societies, farm bureaus, and so forth, for no sufficient cause.

Investigation of the subject conclusively proves that, while there is much overstatement of grievances and much overstatement of remedies, the farmers are right in complaining of wrongs long endured, and right in holding that it is feasible to relieve their ills with benefit to the rest of the community. This being the case, of an industry that contributes, in the raw material form alone, about one-third of the national annual wealth production and is the means of livelihood of about 40 per cent of the population, it is obvious that the subject is one of grave concern. Not only do the farmers make up one-half of the nation, but the well-being of the other half depends upon them.

So long as we have nations, a wise political economy will aim at a large degree of national self-sufficiency and self-containment. Rome fell when the food supply was too far removed from the belly. Like her, we shall destroy our own agriculture and extend our sources of food distant and precarious. If we do not see to it that our farmers are well and fairly paid for their services, the farm gives the nation men as well as food. Cities derive their vitality and are forever renewed from the country, but an impoverished countryside exports idleness. Only the lower grades of mentality and character will remain on, or seek, the farm unless agriculture is made of being pursued with contentment and adequate compensation. Hence, to the bitter and impoverished farmer, the dry up and contaminate the vital sources of the nation.

The war showed convincingly how dependent the nation is on the full productivity of the farms. Despite herculean efforts, agriculture produced only a few weeks or months ahead of consumption, and that only by increasing the acreage of staple crops at the cost of reducing that of others. We ought not to let that lesson when we ponder the farmer's problems. They are truly common problems, and there should be no attempt to deal with them as if they were purely selfish demands of a clear-cut group, antagonistic to the rest of the community. We should we consider agriculture in the light of broad national policy, just as we consider oil, coal, steel, dust, and so forth, as elements of the strength. Our growing population and a higher standard of living demand increasing food supplies, and food, cotton, hides, and the rest. With the disappearance of free and cheap fertile land, additional acreage and increased yields can come only from the farmer's effort. The land must be expected from an impoverished or unhappy rural population.

It will not do to take a narrow view of the rural disposition, or to appraise it from the standpoint of yesterday. This is peculiarly an age of flux and change and new deals. Because a thing always has been no longer means that it is righteous, or always shall be. More, perhaps, than ever before, there is a widespread feeling that all human relations can be improved by taking thought, and that it is not becoming for the reasoning animal to leave his destiny largely to chance and natural impulse.

Prudent and orderly adjustment of production and distribution is recognized as wise management in every business, and that of farming. Yet I venture to say that there is no other industry in which it is so important to the public that the city dweller—that production should be sure, steady, and increasing, and that distribution should be in proportion to the need. The organized farmers naturally act blind and impulsively and, in consequence, surplus and scarcity, accompanied by disconcerting price variations, harass the consumer. One year potatoes rot in the fields because of excess production, and there is a scarcity of the things that have been displaced or make way for the expansion of the potato acreage; next year the publisher farmers make their fields on some other crop, and potatoes enter the class of luxuries; and so on.

Agriculture is the greatest and fundamentally the most important of the American industries. The cities are but the branches of the tree of the nation life, the roots of which are in the land. We all flourish or decline with the farmer. So, when we of the cities read of the present and prospective distress of the farmers, of a slump of six billion dollars in the farm value of their crops in a single year,

of their inability to meet mortgages or to pay current bills, and how, seeking relief from their ills, they are planning to form pools, inaugurate farm strikes, and demand legislation abolishing grain exchanges, private cattle markets, and the like, we ought not hastily to brand them as economic heretics and highwaymen, and hurt at their charge of being seekers of special privilege. Rather, we should ask if their trouble is not ours, and see what can be done to improve the situation. Purely from self-interest, if for no higher motive, we should help them. It is not to be permanently to "normalcy," but is it reasonable to hope for that condition when the charge of being seekers of special privilege is put on a sound and solid permanent foundation? The farmers are right in complaining of wrongs long endured, and right in holding that it is feasible to relieve their ills with benefit to the rest of the community.

Let us, then, consider some of the farmer's grievances, and see how far they are real. In doing so, we should remember that, while there have been, and still are, instances of purposeful abuse, the subject should not be approached with any general imputation to existing distributive agencies of inherently intentional oppression, but rather with the conception that the marketing of farm products has not been modernized.

An ancient evil, and a persistent one, is the undergrading of farm products, with the result that what the farmers sell as of one quality is resold as of a higher. That this sort of chicanery should persist on any important scale in these days of business integrity would seem almost incredible. But there is much evidence that it does so persist. Even as I write, the newspapers announce the suspension of several firms from the New York Produce Exchange for exporting to Germany as No. 2 wheat a whole shipment of grossly inferior wheat mixed with oats, chaff and the like.

Another evil is that of inaccurate weighing of farm products, which, it is charged, is sometimes a matter of protection and sometimes of protection policy on the part of the local buyer, who fears that he may "weigh out" more than he "weighs in." A certain grievance is that at present the field farmer has little or no control over the time and conditions of marketing his products, with the result that he is often underpaid for his products and usually overcharged for marketing service. The difference between what the farmer receives and what the consumer pays often exceeds all possible justification. To cite a single illustration, last year, according to figures attained by the railways and the growers, Georgia watermelon raisers received on the average 75 cents for a melon, the railroads got 127 cents for a carload of melons, and the consumer paid one dollar, leaving 25 cents for the service of marketing and its risks, as against 202 cents for growing and marketing the melon. The land farmer is replete with such commentaries on the credulity of present practices.

Nature prescribes that the farmer's "goods" must be finished within two or three months of the year, while financial and storage limitations generally compel him to sell them at the same time. As a rule, other industries are in a continuous process of finishing their goods, and the farmer's goods are finished at the same time. As a rule, other industries are in a continuous process of finishing their goods, and the farmer's goods are finished at the same time.

The average farmer is busy with the production for the major part of the year, and has nothing to sell. The bulk of his surplus comes on the market at one time, because of lack of storage facilities and of financial support, the farmer cannot carry his goods through the year and dispose of them as they are currently needed. In the absence of storage facilities, the farmer is forced to sell his goods at once, and the result is a glut of the market and a consequent fall in price.

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### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

#### COFFEE COUNTY

Sealed bids will be received by the State Highway Commission of Alabama at the office of the State Highway Department, Montgomery, Alabama, until 12 o'clock noon March 28, 1922, and at that time publicly opened for the construction of a road beginning at Elba, Ala. 2 1/2 miles from the Geneva County line, and ending at the Geneva County line. The length of road to be constructed is 36.06 miles, and the principal items of work are approximately as follows:

35.21 Acres clearing and grubbing.  
122550 Cu. yds. common excavation.  
25503 Sta. yds. overhaul on excavation.  
80780 Cu. yds. sand and clay surfacing.

980 Lin. ft. 15 " D S T C pipe.  
805 Lin. ft. 18 " D S T C pipe.  
975 Lin. ft. 21 " D S T C pipe.  
10775 Lin. ft. 24 " D S T C pipe.  
10 Lin. ft. 30 " corrugated metal pipe.

60 Lin. ft. 30 " corrugated metal pipe to be relaid.  
20 Lin. ft. 18 " corrugated metal pipe to be relaid.  
2184 Cu. yds. Class B Concrete in headwalks.  
438 Cu. yds. Class B Concrete in drop inlets.  
1015 Cu. yds. Class A Concrete in culverts.

7255 Pounds reinforcing steel in culverts.  
32446 P.M. erected timber in bridges.  
1176 Lin. ft. creosoted piling in bridges.

358 R O W markers.  
80500 Sta. yds. grading slopes.  
Plans and specifications are on file in the office of the State Highway Department at Montgomery, Ala. Any engineer at Montgomery, Ala. Any additional information may be secured at the State Highway Engineering, Montgomery, Ala.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.  
Cash or certified check or \$5000.00 made payable to the Chairman of the State Highway Commission must accompany each bid as a guarantee that if awarded the contract the bidder will execute the contract and give bond as required.

W. S. KELLER,  
State Highway Engineer.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

State of Alabama, Coffee County, In the Circuit Court of Coffee County, In Equity, Enterprise Division, Mollie Benton, Complainant, vs. H. E. Northcutt, Respondent.

In this cause it being made to appear in the register by affidavit of complainant that the respondent is a non-resident of the State of Alabama; that his postoffice address is unknown and that respondent is over twenty-one years old; it is therefore, ordered by the register that publication be made in the Elba Clipper, a newspaper published in Elba, said county, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring the said respondent to appear, answer or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause by the 12th day of March, 1922, or within thirty days thereafter a default confession may be taken.

S. H. BROCK, Register.  
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## SALE SALE SALE

WE HAVEN'T GOT ONE BUT WE OFFER YOU SOME "100 PER CENT IN THE DOLLAR" VALUES WHICH WE GIVE EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK.

WE GIVE YOU ADVANTAGE OF ANY PRICE REDUCTIONS WHICH COME OUR WAY.

WE WANT TO BUY YOUR CHICKENS AND EGGS—WE PAY HIGHEST MARKET PRICES FOR THEM EVERY HOUR IN THE DAY AND EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK—WE ALSO SHIP YOUR CREAM BRING IN YOUR SURPLUS CREAM ANY DAY IN THE WEEK—THIS MEANS A DOLLAR WHICH YOU OTHERWISE, WOULD NOT GET—WE CHARGE YOU ABSOLUTELY NOTHING FOR SHIPPING THE CREAM FOR YOU—BRING IT IN.

OUR STOCK OF MERCHANDISE IS ALWAYS COMPLETE AND PRICES RIGHT—WE WILL NOT GIVE YOU SOMETHING IN ORDER TO GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO "CUT YOUR THROAT"—COME TO SEE US—TRADE WITH US—WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS.

## ENGLISH BROS. CO.

ELBA, ALABAMA.

Andalus, survive him.

Dr. Chapman had long been a faithful member of the Methodist Church.

The funeral services were held in Troy Monday morning at the residence of his son, Dr. E. H. Chapman, at 10 o'clock and interment followed at the family plot at Oakwood. Dr. E. H. Northcutt, of the Methodist Church officiated.

MORE THAN THIRTY LIVES ARE LOST WHEN BIG ALKSHIP FALLS AND BURNS.

Norfolk, Va., February 21.—(Plant) A shipwrecked vessel, a broken hulk, the plant army sinking Rome, changed a thousand feet or more today to strike ground at the Hampton Roads army base, capsized after a high tension electric line and burst into a roaring furnace of blasting by frozen gas, in which at least 30 of his army crew and passengers perished.

Barely a dozen of the two score of more men aboard had been picked up alive. One died enroute to a hospital. All of those who survived the fire escaped by jumping as the ship struck. The others, penned in the hull beneath the fallen bag, were burned to death. Heat of the fire fought back the rescuers for hours.

Three fire departments fought the flames with chemicals and by seven o'clock tonight the fire was out, leaving a blackened wreck. The wreckage as flames were driven back. There was scarcely more than the aluminum framework and the six liberty motors to move. Within the wreckage lay the bodies, many of them charred beyond direct recognition. Thirty had been taken out tonight. Three or four more were thought to be in the charred mass and one remained of what had been the largest ship of her type in the world.

Accounts of surviving officers as to what happened were not available tonight. Every man who escaped alive was burned or bruised or both, agreed however, that the huge, kite-like structure of the stern rider, self as large as a bombing plane, had slipped to one side as the Roma drove a thousand feet above the army base.

Making Trial Flight. She was making a trial flight with two engines. The engines were right. They were installed to replace Italian engines bought with her in Italy but which had not proved satisfactory. Installation was completed at

Langley field two weeks ago. It was just before 2 p. m. when those below at the Hampton Roads base, had their attention caught by the approaching thunder of the six motors and looked up to see the Roma dip down from her straight flight.

The ship nosed down steeply. As she came down it was seen that the same within the time allowed by law for the ship to be lowered, or the same will be forever barred.

J. H. WALKER, Administrator of the Estate of W. H. Hurd, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Rainier have returned from a visit to Montgomery and Troy.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

State of Alabama, Coffee County, In the matter of the estate of W. H. Hurd, deceased.

Letters of administration with will annexed having been granted to the undersigned by Hon. S. N. Rowe, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, on the 28th day of February, 1922, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to file the same within the time allowed by law for the filing of claims, or the same will be forever barred.

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Rev. D. P. Lee, of Luverne, for a number of years pastor of the Elba Baptist Church was here Tuesday morning to attend the funeral of Mr. Donaldson.

Mr. J. M. Marsh went up to Montgomery the first of the week for treatment for an abscess back of his eye. He has returned and his friends are glad that he will be alright within a few days.

Mr. D. C. Marley was a visitor at Montgomery the first of the week.

CARL THOMPSON CONFESSES TO BRUTAL MURDER

Miami, Fla., Feb. 26.—Carl Thompson, former Kansas City butcher, held in the county jail in connection with the death of Patrick Brady two weeks ago tonight made a complete confession that he killed Brady, cut up his body and threw it into the Miami river, according to the sheriff's office.

Thompson said he hit Brady over the head, knocking him unconscious according to the officers. Then he loaded him on an automobile and took him to the edge of the Everglades, shot him and cut up the body. He gave no reason for the crime. He is being held on a charge of first degree murder.

An receiving every day new Hats, Dresses, Coat Suits, Coats, etc. Don't buy until you see my line. The prices are much lower than they have been.

Miss Debata Blocker.

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### OBITUARY OF A. D. DONALDSON

In the quiet of the time the Angel of Grace has been harvesting the spirits of men to God who gave them and on the 27th of February 1922 at seven o'clock Mr. A. D. Donaldson, of Elba, Alabama, responded to the call of the sleep of death after an illness in the presence of his devoted family and many friends with every human hope and attention possible for his comfort and restoration having been rendered.

The many expressions by him to his friends and loved ones were convincing that he was aware of the end and conscious of the future restoration of all things in Christ his Redeemer and as God looks upon the hearts of men to judge him we are assured he will be satisfied when he awakes in His likeness as the rose then will increase its fragrance and shed its thorns forever.

The host of relatives and friends that gathered at his residence at two o'clock on the 28th was an expression of human devotion to a noble father and friend and when six of his sons-in-law, Henry King, Joe L. Morrow, E. M. Campbell, L. M. Page, J. D. Wood, Fred Folsom, acting as pall bearers, bore his body quietly from his home to a place of burial, many a gleam of fatherly love and God in love out of hearts overflooded in the office of the funeral home with grief and sorrow while the procession repaired to the Baptist Church for services.

The two choirs furnished appropriate music from selections cherished in the memory of the deceased and loved by the family and the Rev. L. A. Nall read scriptural selections showing that the grace of God through Christ would redeem even the ungodly and that death itself would be destroyed as man's enemy and was only a sleep in which we rest from the toils of this life awaiting the glory of God to be revealed at the time.

In the discourse by the Rev. D. P. Lee of Luverne, Ala., recalling to the minds of the friends and loved ones how God had accepted their gifts as a token of love and he used scriptural promises for the purpose of comforting and consoling. In referring to many pleasant associations in an eloquent way the audience was moved to expressions of grief. The reference to the many trials as a husband and father, nobleness as a citizen and neighbor, the purpose and aim for the future welfare of the children and the pleasure anticipated on April 14th next at the cemetery family reunion in celebrating the 69th birthday of the deceased brought forth expressions of sorrow and grief that could not be longer restrained and a multitude of tears from the family and friends was the result of the offering of broken hearts to the memory of the dead.

The artistic selection and arrangement of the casket with decorations of floral offerings of love as a background most beautifully put by taking that last look through tears of sorrow fitting upon that memory of the last but natural features. At the funeral home just north of Elba the body was consigned to mother earth in a plain symbolic manner with roses by the Rev. L. A. Nall and concluding prayer offered by Rev. C. O. Helms.

To perpetuate his business integrity, his labors of love, his steadfastness of purpose and deeds of kindness he leaves a widow, Mrs. Frances Donaldson and ten children: Mrs. Henry King, Opp, Alabama, Mrs. E. M. Campbell, Curtis, Alabama, Mrs. M. E. Donaldson, Opp, Alabama, Mrs. J. C. Donaldson, Curtis, Alabama, Mrs. I. M. Page, Curtis, Alabama, Mrs. J. D. Wood, Abbeville, Alabama, Mrs. Fred Folsom, Elba, Ala., Mrs. Lawrence Ward, Opp, Ala. and 20 grand children and many relatives and friends.

He will be missed by all who knew him. He was a man of many friends and his passing has left a void in the community.

His home was the center of social affections and hospitality to many and the human ties broken will be eternally welded when the prayer, "Oh, Kingdom of God, be done on Earth as it is done in Heaven" has been fulfilled.

Every word of love and every deed of kindness shown by relatives and friends during the illness is highly appreciated by the family.

J. A. WHALEY.

There are quite a number of cows and hogs running at large in my community. Farmers are now ready to plant and those who have cattle will please take them up at once. C. J. BRADLEY, Elba, Ala., Rt. 3.

AGED CITIZEN DIED LAST WEDNESDAY

Mr. W. R. Mallory, one of the county's oldest and highly respected citizens passed away on last Wednesday at the home of his son, G. C. Mallory, south of town. He had been ill for a number of weeks and although his death was not unexpected, it was a shock to his relatives and friends.

Mr. Mallory was nearly 81 years of age and was one of the few surviving Confederate soldiers in this section. Mr. Mallory was a member of Elba Masonic Lodge and members of the order conducted the burial rites on Thursday afternoon, the body being laid to rest in Elba Church a few miles south of town.

Mr. Mallory leaves several children to mourn his loss. To them we extend our sincerest sympathy.

CYCLONE HITS CAMDEN SECTION

Camden, Ala., March 3.—A cyclone and its aftermath, rain caused the death of three negroes, the injury of three others, and the injury of one white man, T. L. Ennis, of Selma. The cyclone passed over Wilcox county Thursday night, but it was not until Friday morning that the damage to the train of the Venablehumber Lumber Company was wrecked when it attempted to pass over a bridge over the swollen Gravel creek.

The engine fell into the creek and the three negroes were caught in the high waters and were drowned. Two injured negroes and Mr. Ennis were rushed to Selma for treatment, and were found that they were not seriously injured.

### Hon. Henry B. Steagall Makes His Formal Announcement For Congressman from Third District



Hon. Henry B. Steagall announces in this issue of The Clipper for his election as Representative in Congress from the third district. So far as we have been able to learn Mr. Steagall will not have any opposition in the coming primary.

The democratic party is at present very much in the minority in Congress, however leading democrats are being given important places on committees. Mr. Steagall is very fortunate along this line in that he has been appointed and is serving on committees which are dealing with the financial situation of agriculture in this issue of The Clipper for his election as Representative in Congress from the third district. So far as we have been able to learn Mr. Steagall will not have any opposition in the coming primary.

It is very likely that Mr. Steagall will make some visits in the district before the primary, should he be able to get away from his duties at Washington, but his friends are hopeful that it will not be necessary for him to come to the district and wage an extensive campaign.

NOTICE

I have opened a branch office at New Brockton and hereafter I will be there prepared to do Dental work every Wednesday.

My patients here and my prospective patients at and around New Brockton will please take notice and be governed accordingly.

W. H. HURD, D.D.S.

MR. MCGILVRAE ENTERS RACE FOR PROBATE JUDGE

In this issue of the Clipper will be found the announcement of Mr. M. McGilvray, of Enterprise, for the office of Probate Judge of Coffee County.

Mr. McGilvray has been a resident of the county for a number of years and is well known to our people. He is a splendid citizen and is well qualified to fill the place. He has many friends throughout the county who will be interested in his candidacy. He will make an aggressive campaign presenting his claims to the voters and his friends predict a good showing in the primary.

CONGRESS IS NOW INVESTIGATING THE PROGRESS OF FRED EUSTON OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR MUSCLE SHAKING. He has employed Gen. Goetz, builder of the Panama Canal, to finish the bug, dam, etc., in case he gets it.

Mr. Alta Bullard left last week for a training camp at Mississippi where he will take up electrical engineering.

If you are suffering from nervousness, headaches, or any of the ills of the body, you should consult Dr. Roth. His long experience and scientific methods fit him for giving you relief from all your troubles. He will be at Opp on Thursday, March 16, from 8:00 to 11:00 o'clock A. M. and at Elba the same day from 1:00 to 7:00 o'clock P. M. Be sure to see him.

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### HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE ON TUESDAY NIGHT

A dwelling house on Smith avenue was completely destroyed by fire on Tuesday night, between 12:00 and 1:00 o'clock. The house was the property of Mrs. W. L. Coston and was being occupied by a Mr. Allen and family.

The fire is supposed to have originated in the stove room near the flue and practically all the roof was in flames before discovered. It is said that the family saved only a few items of their personal effects. Mr. Allen has recently moved here.

On account of the house being so far from the main part of town, the house was burned down before any assistance reached the scene. In fact only a few persons knew of the fire.

13 KILLED WHEN N. Y. CENTRAL TRAIN HITS CROWDED MOTOR BUS

Painesville, Ohio, March 4.—Thirteen people were killed outright, another died in a Painesville hospital, this morning, and three others were seriously injured that they cannot recover as the result of a collision between a New York Central express train and a crowded motor bus, late last night.

The bodies of passengers were hurled for hundreds of feet along the railroad when the train, running sixty miles an hour, struck the bus. Three bodies, horribly mangled, were taken from the pilot of the locomotive when it stopped more than 400 yards from the point of collision.

LEO BUSH FOUND GUILTY; GETS 10 TO 12 YEARS

Dothan, March 1.—After being out for about one hour today, the jury in the case of the State vs. Leo Bush, charged him with assault with intent to ravish Alma McNeil several months ago found him guilty. He was sentenced by Judge Pettit to serve a sentence of ten to twelve years in the state penitentiary.

Several months ago, Leo Bush, Corby Bush and Casey Culbreth were arrested and charged with assaulting Alma McNeil. Leo Bush was arrested about two and a half miles from the city. The McNeil woman stated that she hired a taxi, supposedly to be driven to the Bay Line depot, where she was left until after the train had left. She was then taken out about two and a half miles from Dothan, and according to testimony in court today, was attacked by the three men.

Dr. Green, who examined the woman about a week after the incident, found a broken rib and several bruises about the body. Finger prints were also found on the woman's throat, apparently where she had been choked.

Leo Bush was taken to the County jail where he will remain, unable to go bond, until a new trial is granted.

It is rumored that a breach has come between the President and Ambassador Harvey. The latter will not talk of the matter. Perhaps he has done too much talking already.

Dr. J. B. Woodall, of New Brockton, was a visitor at Elba Tuesday.

WOMAN ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE IN MONT.

Montgomery, Ala., March 4.—A verdict of not guilty was returned Friday night in the case of Mrs. Lillian Gabriel, on trial Friday in the Montgomery county circuit court for the murder of her husband Charles Gabriel, December 10th, in the home on Madison Avenue. The case was given to the jury at 6:02 o'clock Friday evening.

After thirty minutes deliberation, the jury requested to return to the court room. This was granted to the jury and the court then let one witness' testimony be read. The request was not granted by Judge McCord, as he explained the reading of one witness' testimony would be a violation of the rules of the court. The jury retired and in ten minutes a verdict of not guilty was returned.

Governor Robertson and an oil man in Oklahoma have had a flat fight. The oil man abused the governor, and the scrap started. Only damage done either was retting their names in the papers in the fight news.

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### POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### For Sheriff

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Coffee County, Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held next August. I will be grateful to the voters, both ladies and men, for your vote and support, and if elected, will discharge the office to the best of my ability.

D. J. STEPHENS.

(Paid political advertisement of D. J. Stephens, New Brockton, Ala.)

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for the office of Sheriff of Coffee County, subject to the democratic primary election to be held in August. Your vote and influence will be highly appreciated.

J. D. PARKER.

(Paid political announcement by J. D. Parker, Elba, Ala.)

#### I hereby announce myself a candidate

for the office of Sheriff of Coffee County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in August.

E. D. GOWIN.

(Paid political announcement by E. D. Gowin, Enterprise, Ala.)

#### For Probate Judge

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Probate Judge of Coffee County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in August. Your vote and support will be appreciated.

R. O. (BOB) FLEMING.

(Paid political announcement by R. O. Fleming, Enterprise, Ala.)

#### I hereby announce myself a candidate

for the office of Probate Judge of Coffee County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in August. Your vote and influence will be appreciated.

JOHN D. STEWART.

(Paid political announcement by John D. Stewart, Enterprise, Ala.)

#### For Circuit Clerk

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Circuit Clerk of Coffee County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

L. BELCHER CLARK.

(Paid political announcement by L. B. Clark, Elba, Ala.)

#### I hereby announce myself a candidate

for re-election as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Coffee County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in August. Your support will be appreciated.

S. H. BROCK.

(Paid political announcement by S. H. Brock, Elba, Ala.)

#### For Circuit Judge

I am a candidate for re-election as Judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit, subject to the Democratic Primary in August. Your vote will be appreciated.

A. B. POSTER.

(Paid political announcement by A. B. Poster, Troy, Alabama.)

#### For Congressman

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Representative in the 6th Congress of the United States from the Third Congressional District of Alabama, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held August 6th, 1922.

HENRY P. STEAGALL.

(Paid political announcement by H. P. Steagall.)

#### TWELVE CHILDREN BORN IN 2 YEARS TO COUPLE

Mr. and Mrs. William Poston of Hookinsville, Ky., became the parents Monday of four more children, making a total of twelve in five years. During the first five years of their wedded life, four pairs of twins were born to Mr. and Mrs. Poston. The eight twins and the four born Monday are all living and apparently in good health. — Elba Clipper.

Many people on the verge of despair have taken Tanline and recovered. Elba Drug Co.

## TEXAN SHOT TO DEATH IN COURT

Miss Marlene Matthews, 18 years old, shot and instantly killed J. S. Croslin at Waco, Texas, during proceedings in the district court. It was charged with attacking the girl two years ago.

Croslin, aged 70 years, was tried convicted and sentenced to nine years in the penitentiary, but the case was reversed on an error in the admission of testimony and remanded for trial.

"He disgraced me, ruined my health, and deprived me of school privileges, but he will never ruin another girl," Miss Matthews walked to the witness chair, then turned with a pistol in her hand and fired straight at Croslin who sat in a chair beside his attorneys, fifteen feet away. She then took two or three steps forward and fired again. Advancing to within three feet of the man who had killed her, she fired a third time, the bullet penetrating his side.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

State of Alabama, Coffee County.

Notice is hereby given that letter of administration upon the Estate of Henry Williams, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Hon. S. N. Rowe, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, and all parties having claims against the said estate must present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be forever barred.

Done this 6th day of March, 1922.

W. J. BULLARD, Administrator.

### NOTICE TO ELECTIONS

All electors (men) over the age of forty-five years are requested to send to the Probate Office at Elba the day, month and year of their birth. This information is very necessary in making up the poll lists for the current year. Unless this is done your name may not appear on the poll list.

S. N. ROWE, Judge of Probate.

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## SINGING AT DAMASCUS

The Seven-Shape Singing Society met at Damascus Sunday afternoon, February 26, 1922, to organize for the year. House called to order by Mr. J. C. Donaldson by singing 2 songs. Then a lesson by three songs each. Mr. Buresford Horn, Mr. Roman Johnson, Mr. Joseph Roberts, Miss Eve Lou Donaldson, organist. Recuss ten minutes.

House called to order by the chairman by singing 2 songs. Then Mr. N. M. Johnson led three songs. Then the class went to organization and the election of officers for the year. The following officers were elected: Mr. Roman Johnson, chairman; Mr. P. M. Cain, vice-chairman; Mr. T. J. Flowers and Mr. J. W. Ruchel, arranging committee; Miss Minnie Pearl Cain, secretary; Miss Lillie Knight, organist. Mr. Oscar Wood Chaplin, Mr. Ramond Johnson, sang closing song and we were dismissed by Mr. Isaac Wood. We met every fourth Sunday afternoon and we cordially invite everybody to come and bring some one with you.

Minnie Pearl Cain, Secretary.

### ROADS OVER WHICH RURAL ROUTES TRAVEL MUST BE KEPT IN GOOD CONDITION

By direction of the Postoffice Department, postmasters throughout the country have recently made an inspection of the rural routes from their offices. The purpose was that they might ascertain by personal observation and make reports whether the roads used were in good condition for travel, the routes well arranged, boxes properly erected, so as to be easily reached by the carriers without difficulty and without obstructing travel, the carriers serving their routes as officially prescribed, the schedule observed, and whether the families served were satisfied with the service rendered, or there were improvements which could be suggested in the interest of the patrons or the Department.

It became necessary, in connection with the inspection, to request many patrons to take action to the end that their boxes might conform with the regulations as to kind, condition, location, or height, and in having the name of the owner plainly printed on them. Also, to bring to the attention of road overseers or other responsible persons the need for improvement in roads or repairs or construction of culverts or bridges.

It is the desire of the Department and its purpose, to provide adequate and convenient service, so far as may be possible, to all persons residing in rural communities, but this end cannot be attained without the full cooperation of the patrons in the efforts of postmasters and carriers to serve them promptly, regularly and satisfactorily.

Whatever facilitates the work of the carrier is of direct benefit to the patrons, for the greater the ease and speed with which a carrier may cover his route the earlier and better the service afforded.

So, patrons of rural delivery can greatly help themselves, by helping their carrier, seeing to it that roads are kept in good condition and promptly opened after storms, by keeping the approaches to their boxes clear, and by promptly and willingly correcting any irregularities affecting their boxes when asked to do so.

Another great assistance that patrons can render carriers is by keeping themselves supplied with and using stamps instead of placing un-stamped mail, with money for the purchase of the required postage in the boxes. This delays the carrier and sometimes imposes a great hardship on him, especially in cold or stormy weather. If preferred, stamped envelopes, either printed or plain, may be obtained from the carrier, are of good quality, and cost but little more than the value of the stamps upon them, and are redeemable at the value of the stamps if damaged, but returned in a practical, whole condition. If necessary, to place money in a box, it should be put in a coin-holding receptacle or be properly wrapped so as to be easily picked up by the carrier.

Money for the purchase of money orders should not be left in the boxes but should be handed to the carrier and a receipt obtained.

Sincerely yours,

H. H. BILLARY,

Fourth Assistant P. M. Gen.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

State of Alabama, Coffee County.

In the matter of the estate of W. H. Hurd, deceased.

Letters of administration with annexed having been granted to the undersigned by Hon. S. N. Rowe, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, on the 28th day of February, 1922, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to file the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred.

J. H. WALKER, Administrator of the Estate of W. H. Hurd, deceased.

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On the other hand, the farmer reads of plans for municipal housing projects that run into the billions, of hundreds of millions annually spent on the merchant marine; he reads that the railways are being favored with increased rates and virtual guarantee of earnings by the government, with the result to him of an increased toll on all that he sells and all that he buys. He hears of many manifestations of governmental concern for particular industries and interests. Regarding the railways from insolvency is

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A curious thing about the judge of probate office in Coffee County is that three men have filled it since 1878: B. M. Stevens, 18 years; F. M. Rushing, 12 years; and Judge S. N. Rowe, the incumbent, 18 years.

Not only does a hot political race in the county help to swell the advertising exchequer, but it stimulates the subscription end. Editor Bryan believes this as he is running a half-page "ad" saying, "For \$1.00 you

that publication be made in The Elba Clipper, a newspaper published in Elba, said county, once a week for four consecutive weeks requiring the said John Benton, plead, answer or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause by the 12th day of March, 1922, or within thirty days thereafter a decree pro confesso may be taken against him.

H. BROCK, Register.

Done February 8th, 1922.

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